

CLAIMS

1. A Process for preventing frauds with regard to a  
5 taxi equipped with an electronic taximeter (1)  
possessing a "for hire" position and a tariff position,  
which is associated with a printer whose job is to  
print, at the end of each trip, a receipt intended to  
be given to the customer, said printer having at least  
10 its printing head (20) mechanically separate from the  
taximeter (1), but being electrically connected to it,  
which consists in detecting the occurrence of a  
disconnection of the printing head (20) of the printer  
with respect to the taximeter (1), and as the case may  
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- ♦ if the disconnection occurred while the  
taximeter is in the "for hire" position, in  
prohibiting the subsequent switching of the  
20 taximeter into the tariff position, for as long  
as this disconnection endures;
- ♦ if the disconnection occurred while the  
taximeter is in the tariff position, in  
triggering an antifraud action.

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2. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
antifraud action consists in neutralizing the  
taximeter, so that it is then necessary to break a seal  
and/or to call on the authorities in charge of  
30 monitoring taximeters to reauthorize the operation of  
the neutralized taximeter.

3. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
antifraud action consists in saving the occurrence of  
35 the disconnection in a journal file or a memory  
contained in the taximeter, and wherein it is not  
possible to erase without breaking a seal and/or  
calling on the authorities in charge of monitoring  
taximeters.

4. The process as claimed in claim 1 or 3, wherein the antifraud action consists moreover in making an item of information appear on a ticket.

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5. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the neutralization of the taximeter transpires when the latter subsequently exits from the tariff position.

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6. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detection of a disconnection of the printing head (20) of the printer takes place at least during the request to switch from the "for hire" position to the tariff position.

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7. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detection of a disconnection of the printing head (20) of the printer takes place at least during the request to print the receipt.

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8. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein if the disconnection occurs while the taximeter is in the "for hire" position, the latter is signaled by the taximeter.

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9. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein if the disconnection occurs while the taximeter is in the tariff position, the latter is signaled by the taximeter.

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10. The process as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein the signaling takes place by display on the dial (6) of the taximeter, or the emission of an alarm signal.

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11. The process as claimed in claims 9 and 10, wherein the signaling of the disconnection takes place alternately with the displaying of the total for the trip.

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19. The process as claimed in claim 17, wherein the checking of the paper supply makes it possible to

